

**NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
FULL COMMISSION**

January 30, 2013

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

ERHARD HUETTL, CHAIR
BOB EGAN
THOMAS HAFERMAN
CRAIG McEWEN
PAUL MILLAN
RON NYE
FRANK SAAL, Jr.
RALPH SITZBERGER
DOUG WILLIAMS

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

BETTYE NALL, VICE-CHAIR
GEORGE BORNEMANN, SEC.-TRES.
VIRGINIA HEINEMANN
DONALD KRAHN
GLEN LICITAR
JIMMY LANDRU, Jr.
ROBERT LUSSOW
JERRY NELSON
THOMAS RUDOLPH
PAUL SCHUMAN
JACK SORENSEN
EDMUND WAFLE
KENNETH WINTERS

STAFF PRESENT:

DARRYL LANDEAU
DENNIS LAWRENCE
BERNIE LEWIS

GUESTS PRESENT:

JON HOCHKAMMER, Director of
Insurance Operations for
Wisconsin Counties Association

KEITH LANGENHAN, Field Services
Representative for Wisconsin
Counties Association

NATHAN SCHWANZ, Outreach
Director for Congressman Sean
Duffy

1.) CALL TO ORDER:

MR. HUETTL called the meeting to order at 11:05 A.M., in the Birch Room at the Best Western Midway Hotel & Hoffman House. He thanked all of those that were able to make it considering the weather, including our speaker that traveled from Madison. Roll call was as presented on page one. There was no quorum, therefore only discussion would take place.

2.) AUDIENCE COMMENT:

MR. HUETTL asked Mr. Schwanz, Outreach Director from Congressman Sean Duffy's office, if he had any comments he would like to make. Mr. Schwanz announced that Congressman Duffy will be holding town meetings throughout his district and will welcome questions and ideas from his constituents.

MR. HUETTL welcomed FRANK SAAL, JR., the newly appointed Commissioner for Lincoln County. He then asked MR. SAAL to give a brief introduction of himself. MR. SAAL stated that he is presently on the Lincoln County Board and serves on various Committees such as the Administrative and Legislative Committee, the Land Information, Conservation & Extension Education Committee, the Personnel Committee, and the Planning and Zoning Committee.

MR. HUETTL then requested all Commissioners and guests to introduce themselves for MR. SAAL's benefit.

3.) APPROVAL, ADDITIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA AS MAILED:

MR. HUETTL asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Agenda as mailed. There being none, a recommendation was made by MR. WILLIAMS to approve the Agenda at the next meeting and seconded by MR. SITZBERGER.

4.) APPROVAL, ADDITIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 31, 2012 COMMISSION MEETING:

MR HUETTL asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes as mailed. There being no additions or correction MR. MILLAN made a recommendation to approve the Minutes at the next meeting and MR. McEWEN seconded this motion.

5.) BUSINESS & DISCUSSION:

5.1 Chairperson's Report:

MR. HUETTL announced that the NCWRPC Newsletter reported that the NCWRPC will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary, and more information will be provided at the April Commission Meeting.

MR. HUETTL also commended the NCWRPC for the help they provided for two new businesses in Forest County. Both received funds from the North Central Wisconsin Development Corporation and are expected to create over 60 new jobs.

5.2 Executive Committee's Report:

MR. HUETTL reported that the meeting had been cancelled. No report. The next meeting would be in April.

5.3 Presentation: Jon Hochkammer, Legislative Director, WCA State Budget - History & What's to Come:

MR. LAWRENCE introduced Jon Hochkammer from the Wisconsin Counties Association. Mr. Hochkammer presented a Power Point entitled the WCA Legislative Update regarding Wisconsin State Budget: History and What's to Come. Mr. Hochkammer stated that our counties are on the short end of the stick regarding tax revenues they receive. He stated that counties are forced to provide state-mandated services without adequate state funding. He also stated that tax and spending decisions made at the state level significantly impact county and local finances.

Mr. Hochkammer indicated that the County transportation aids are funded from the state Transportation Fund which has increased slowly in recent years. Therefore the 2013-15 state budget will likely include proposals for new transportation related revenues. He stated that Levy limits have tightened and county levies have risen less than municipals and schools.

Mr. Hochkammer stated that Governor Walker desires to lower the tax burden on Wisconsin families through a proposed income tax cut that would come at a cost to the local aids. He said the Transportation Commission made recommendations for new revenue for transportation funding.

Mr. Hochkammer stated that a skilled and educated workforce is important to attract new businesses and encourage expansion of existing businesses in our state. He said the Wisconsin ACT/SAT students took averaged slightly above the U.S. ACT/SAT scores, and Wisconsin's agricultural sector plays a pivotal role in economic development as it supports thousands of jobs and generates significant economic output. He then took questions from the Commissioners present.

5.4 North Central Wisconsin Development Corporation Update:

MR. LAWRENCE provided the 2012 update on the operation and lending of the North Central Wisconsin Development Corporation. He provided a brief history of the NCWDC and the two loan funds in operation. Next he provided information on the Board and Loan Review Committee. He stated that the NCWDC has made 18 loans throughout the region.

Nine of these are loans are still active, including the two new loans approved in 2012. The businesses are Infinity Wood Floors, and Hometown Trolley both located in Forest County.

5.5 2013 NCWRPC Work Program:

MR. LAWRENCE overviewed the many projects in the 2013 Work Program. He also encouraged Commissioners to remind their counties and local communities of the work the NCWRPC can do for them.

5.6 Establishment of Ad Hoc Committees: CEDS & Livability:

MR. LAWRENCE provided a handout that outlines the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and the role of the CEDS Committee. He asked for volunteers to serve on this committee to oversee the update of the regional CEDS. There would be one or two meetings in 2013. The following Commissioners indicated they were willing to serve on the CEDS Committee:

BOB EGAN, Vilas Co.	PAUL MILLAN, Forest Co.
RON NYE, Langlade Co.	DOUG WILLIAMS, Lincoln Co.
CRAIG MCEWEN, Marathon Co.	TOM RUDOLPH, Oneida Co.

MR. LAWRENCE next presented a handout that explained briefly the Regional Livability Plan (RLP). The RLP would also serve to update the Regional Comprehensive Plan for our region.

He indicated that volunteers will be needed to serve on this committee as well. He asked the Commissioners to consider serving on this committee and hoped to have one commissioner from each county. The committee would meet multiple times in 2013 and 2014. He stated that this committee would be selected at the April Commission Meeting.

5.7 Announcements:

MR. LAWRENCE announced that the 2012 audit was completed and will be reported on at the April meeting. He also announced that Matthew Schreiber had resigned his position as economic development planner at the end of 2012. Until the position is refilled, MR. LAWRENCE will be covering these duties.

MR. LAWRENCE stated that the next Commission Meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2013.

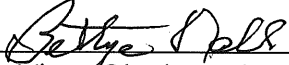
6.) **ADJOURNMENT:**

MR. HUETTL adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Lunch was provided following the meeting.

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Minutes Approved on April 24, 2013.



Chair, Vice Chair, or Secretary-Treasurer